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processing stages including standard-independent and standard-dependent processing stages, the standard-dependent processing stages capable of reconfiguration to operate in accordance with different data encoding standards; and tokens for interacting with the processing stages, the tokens providing reconfiguration information to the standard-dependent processing stages to cause the standard-dependent processing stages to reconfigure.

REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that contact with Applicant's attorney would be beneficial to the disposition of this application, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 94-1175.

Respectfully submitted,

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